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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dear Ms. Maccabee, Ms. Whittaker, and Ms. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 2013, requesting an assessment of the cumulative effects of mining activity in the Lake Superior Basin. EPA is reviewing this request.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-8894 or [walts.alan@epa.gov](mailto:walts.alan@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Walts".

Alan Walts, Director  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance